



Iowa's Community Health Centers




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What are CHCs?

- **Local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers** serving low income and medically underserved communities.
- Also known as Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), they are **located in areas where care is needed but scarce**, and improve access to care for millions of Americans regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.
- CHCs **provide high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary care and preventive services**, including dental and mental health and substance abuse services, as well as affordable pharmaceuticals. CHCs are recognized leaders in **treating chronic diseases and reducing health disparities**.



Who do community health centers serve?

- 20 million people across the country, including **137,830 Iowans**
- Two-thirds of health center patients have family incomes at or below the federal poverty level
- **38% (52,894)** of Iowa patients are **uninsured**

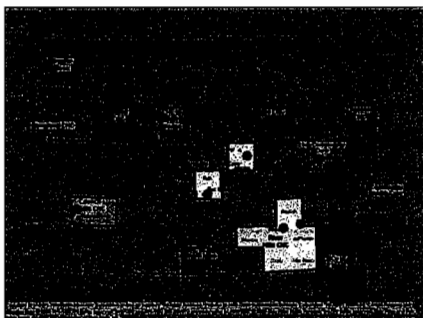
CHCs Overcome Barriers to Care

- **Located in high-need areas** identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice.
- **Open to all**, regardless of income and insurance status, and provide reduced cost care based on ability to pay.
- Services are **tailored to fit the special needs and priorities of the community**, and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate setting.
- Offer **enabling services that help patients access health care**, such as transportation, interpretation, case management, health education, and home visitation.

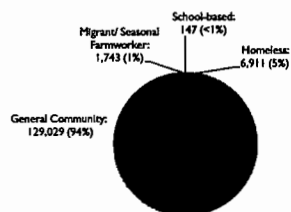
Health Centers' Impact as Medical Homes

- Improve access to primary and preventive care
- Effective management of chronic illness
- Reduction of health disparities
- Cost-effective care
- High quality care

Iowa CHC Locations

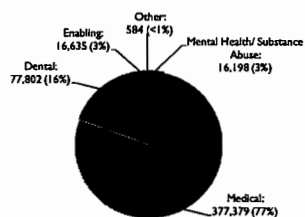


CHC Patients



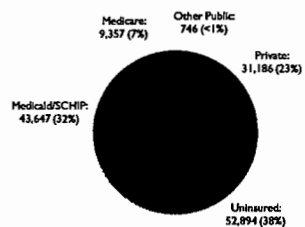
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CHC Patient Visits



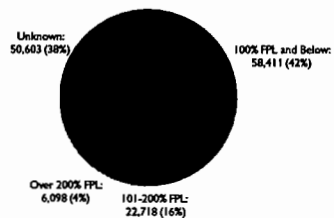
Total Patient Visits: 488,598

CHC Patients by Insurance Source



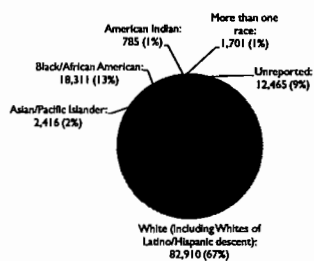
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CHC Patient Income



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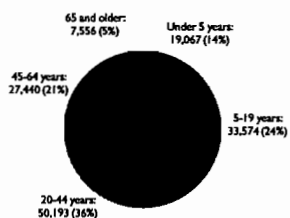
CHC Patient Race/Ethnicity



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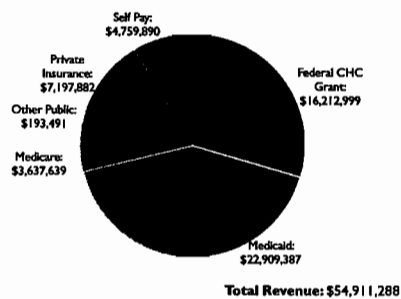
19% of patients indicate they are of Hispanic/Latino origin

CHC Patients by Age

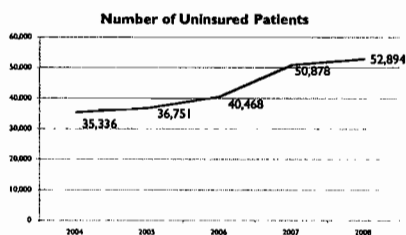


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CHC Revenue



Increase in CHC Uninsured Patients



Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network

- Administered by IA/NEPCA
- Participants
 - CHCs (13 of 13 participating)
 - Free Clinics (28 of 28 participating)
 - Rural Health Clinics (84 of 140 participating)
 - Family Planning Agencies (16 of 18 participating)
 - Maternal/Child Health Clinics
 - Local Boards of Health
- Initiatives
 - Pharmacy
 - Specialty Care Network
 - Medical Home Pilots
 - IDPH Volunteer Health Care Provider Program
 - Direct Funding
 - Free Clinics (\$205,000)
 - Rural Health Clinics (\$123,000)
 - Family Planning Agencies (\$82,000)

Safety Net Partners



- ☒ Community Health Centers
- ☒ Free Clinics
- ☒ Rural Health Clinics
- ☒ Family Planning Agencies
- ☐ Specialty Care Funding through RFP Process
- ☒ Maternal/Child Health Clinics Funding through RFP Process
- ☒ Local Boards of Health through RFP Process
- ☒ State Community Health Center Incubator

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